

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2004
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., with Chris Fields, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman McGowan was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Brant Petry, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the May 5, 2004, were presented for approval. Pavey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Gave an update on Wilson Estates property. Has an updated appraisal on the remaining lots and is in the process of getting a second appraisal. Asked an independent engineering firm to give a recommendation and estimate the cost to alleviate the drainage issues in the development, as well as the aggravating circumstances that could impact the area, when and if future development occurs. Has not yet received a completed report.
- Attended a combined meeting with the ECDC, Chamber of Commerce and the Heart of Rushville. The purpose of the meeting was for each agency to make a presentation of their duties and set guidelines as to how each agency plans to commit to these duties. The 3 entities agreed to meet periodically to discuss issues that might arise.
- Reminded everyone of the annual Chamber luncheon Wednesday at Winkerby's.
- Will be attending the Ara's Board of Directors annual retreat on May 26 & 27th.
- Saturday, June 5th there will be a rededication of the Civil War Monument at East Hill Cemetery. We will also have a group of Civil War re-enact mentors in Rushville that day to make this rededication even more memorable. They will be using the old Graham School lot to hold the encampment. We are hoping this will grow into a yearly event.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Fudge said he looked up the golf cart issue on the AM Legal site and suggested that Council take a look at the site to come up with ideas as to what they would like to have. He said very few places in Indiana currently have restrictions. Pavey said he thought St. Paul recently did something.

He also checked the same site regarding the semi truck parking. He also had a sample from New Castle.

There will be a hearing with the Area Plan on June 1st for a special exception for the radio tower.

They have received some donations for the K-9 car. Gary Davis has looked at the car and said the car will cost quite a bit of money in the next few months. He said it may be wiser to trade the car in instead of putting a lot of money into the vehicle. Sheehan made a motion to table the matter and have the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer see if the money is available. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Park – Mathews said it appears that the pool will open on time this year. They have sent in the first water sample. They plan to open for the first day on May 31.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS * * *

Jack Hill said the school superintendent's office needed to be notified of a hole near their office between the sidewalk and the street.

Chris Fields said a drainage pipe had collapsed near Intat and caused a sinkhole. The Mayor has already looked into the matter.

John Byrne asked if Council could have some sort of checklist on areas that have been targeted for high grass/weeds and problem vehicles. He said this would be helpful so Council members don't call them in if someone else has already reported them. The Mayor said that was a good idea and they would take care of it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Fiber Optics Progress – Dave Sheets gave an update on the progress with the fiber optics. He said Rush Shelby Energy has offered to provide the poles for the

fiber. They are projecting a loop of approximately 37 miles. They are estimating this cost to be approximately \$400,000.00. This is about half the cost of trenching. He said Rush Shelby Energy is willing to commit ¼ of the project. He has also been told by the County that they also wish to participate.

Councilman Sheehan said we need something on paper as to what the City can expect to spend and what the benefits will be. Sheehan also asked if this would be considered a utility. Newhouse said he looked at it as being similar to an electric utility. Sheets said if it were a utility there would be many regulations.

Councilman Sheehan once again stressed the importance of getting something in writing and also wanted to know what the County was planning to contribute.

Fields made a motion to commit \$300,000.00 through the electric liquidation monies and that no one would be refused the right to purchase fiber. The City would have the right to refuse if the County did not participate. Said motion died for lack of a second.

Pavey made a motion to commit the City to being a player in the project at a maximum of 25% subject to the legalities involved and financial matters, and also with the right to refuse if the County decided not to participate. He also added that he would like to see a workshop set up with the County regarding their intentions. Also added to the motion was a request for something in writing showing exactly what we would be getting. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheets said there will be a fiber board meeting next Wednesday at the hospital at 4:00 p.m.

Planned Unit Development – Bill Todd asked Council to consider a favorable vote on the PUD District. After lengthy discussion, Fields made a motion to give a favorable vote on the PUD District and to approve Ordinance 2004-8. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Pavey voting NAY.

Liability Insurance – Kevin Krekeler updated Council on some questions they had at the previous meeting. He said the goal was to simplify the insurance and give better coverage. However, he did state that there was not a savings in his proposal.

Pavey asked if the terrorism insurance was really necessary. Byrne said he did not believe it would payoff. Pavey also questioned if the umbrella was

necessary. The Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer indicated they thought it was a good idea. Pavey made a motion to approve the proposal but to delete the terrorism portion, and that we will switch over as each comes up for renewal. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2004-5 Codification – Fields made a motion to approve the Codification Ordinance 2004-5. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B & B Metal Property – Sheehan made a motion to approve the Order on the Sale of the B & B Metal Property with to small revisions. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Bond Issue, Carol Olson – Ms. Olson was unable to attend the meeting. She will be scheduled at a later date.

Tax Abatement Questionnaire Revision – Council was given a new questionnaire with some additions. Sheehan made a motion to approve the revised tax abatement questionnaire. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Byrne made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Byrne made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER